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Honorable LeRoy Collins  
Governor of Florida  
Tallahassee, Florida

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Dear Governor Collins:

I sincerely appreciated your kind letter of July 22, and I accept with pleasure your invitation to join you at the Conference at San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 2 - 5.

Mr. Cribfield has just telephoned me and I explained to him that, unfortunately, urgent commitments make it necessary for me to return to Washington, leaving San Juan at 5:00 p.m., on the evening of August 4. Mr. Cribfield seemed to feel that it would be possible to fit in my short briefing during the day of August 4.

On previous occasions, when the Governors have met in Washington, I have had the honor of giving them a briefing on the world situation. If at any time during the Conference, any individual Governor or group of Governors should wish to talk with me about developments on the international scene, I should be glad to make myself available, in addition to the briefing which I will give on the 4th of August, which will be devoted chiefly to the nature of the threat of nuclear attack against the United States.

In view of your very recent return from what must have been a most interesting trip to the Soviet Union, I hope to have a chance to have a word with you about your impressions, but I realize that you will probably be fully occupied during the days of the Conference, and if so, I hope for a later opportunity to talk to you about this.

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A copy of this letter is going to Governor Rockefeller, and also to Mr. Cribfield in Chicago, with a copy to San Juan, as I understand he may be leaving Chicago shortly.

I expect to arrive in San Juan on Saturday, August 1st, to get in a good week end there before the Conference starts.

With kind regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

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Director

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